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Descriptive Summary

Title:	Percy E. Foxworth / Chambers / Roberts Collection
Dates:	1930s-1980s
Collector:	Foxworth, Percy E., 1906-1943
Physical Extent:	9 boxes
Repository:	University of Mississippi. Department of Archives and Special Collections. University, MS 38677, USA
Identification:	MUM00192
Language of Material:	English
Abstract:	Collection of correspondence, miscellaneous documents, diaries and newspaper clippings related to Percy E. Foxworth.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Collection donated by Mary Jane Chambers.

Processing Information

Collection processed by Archives and Special Collections staff. Finding aid encoded by Jason Kovari, 21 May 2009.

Additions

No further additions are expected to this collection.

Subject Terms

Hoover, J. Edgar (John Edgar), 1895-1972
United States. Federal Bureau of Investigation -- Officials and employees
Foxworth, Ann Holliday, 1906-1992

Formats

correspondence
clippings (information artifacts)
diaries

Biographical Note

Percy E. Foxworth was born on 29 November 1906 in Purvis, Mississippi. He received his early education in the grade and high schools of Poplarville and Derby, Mississippi. He attended the Pearl River Junior College for two years and then began his accounting studies at the Walton School of Commerce and the LaSalle Extension University. In 1926 he entered the employ of the Edward Hines Western Pine Company at Poplarville, Mississippi, and later was transferred to the company's offices at Burne, Oregon where he allegedly picked up the nickname "Sam".

Foxworth applied to enter the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on 21 March 1932. After completing his initial training he was assigned to FBI field offices located at Jacksonville, FL, Oklahoma City, OK, New York City and Washington, D.C. He served as an Administrative Assistant to J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the FBI from 8 April 1935 until June 1939, when he was made Special Agent in Charge of the New York Field Division of the FBI. From June 1940 until 9 April 1941 Foxworth was assigned at the Washington headquarters of the FBI as an Assistant Director in charge of the FBI's New York City Field Office.

Foxworth was killed in the line of duty on 15 January 1943 when his plane crashed in Surinam, Dutch Guiana. The FBI Medal of Honor was given posthumously to Foxworth in 1991.

Scope and Content Note

The Percy E. Foxworth / Chambers / Roberts Collection contains correspondence from Percy Foxworth to Ann Foxworth; correspondence from J. Edgar Hoover to Percy Foxworth; F.B.I., Navy, Financial and General Documents, Ann Foxworth's Diaries and Newspaper Clippings. Photographs from the collection have been removed for preservation.

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Preferred Citation

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Related Material

Resources at the University of Mississippi

[Percy E. Foxworth Collection \(MUM00191\)](#). Collections have been kept separate due to different donors.

Separated Material

Folder 5.8: Photographs have been removed to Collections Photographs, Box 38, Folders 27-29 for preservation purposes.

Arrangement

The collection contains 9 boxes which are split into various series

[Series I. Correspondence with Ann Foxworth](#)
[Series II. Correspondence with J. Edgar Hoover](#)
[Series III. General Correspondence](#)
[Series IV. Documents](#)
[Series V. Photographs](#)
[Series VI. Ann Holliday Foxworth's Diaries](#)
[Series VII. Newspapers](#)

Container List

Series I. Correspondence to Ann Foxworth

Folder 1.1 Undated-1937

ALS. Undated. Sam to "Dearest Susan." San Salvador. (2pp.)
ALS. Undated. Sam to "Dearest Susan." San Salvador. (3pp.)
ALS. Undated. Sam to "Dearest Susan." Lima Peru.
TL. Undated. Sam to "Dearest Susan."
ALS. Undated. Sam to "Dearest Susan." (2pp.)
ALS. Undated. Sam to "Dearest Susan."
ACS. Undated. Sam to "Dearest Susan."
TLS. Undated. Sam to "Dear Susan."
ALS. Undated. Sam to "Dearest Susan." (2pp.)
TLS. Undated. Sam to "Dearest Susan."
TLS. Undated. Sam to "Dearest Susan."
ALS. 1937. Sam to "Dearest Sug." (3pp.)
TL. 9 July 1937. Sam to "Dearest Sug."
TL. 13 July 1937. Sam to "Dearest Ann."
TLS. 15 August 1937. Sam to "Dear Susan."
TLS. 22 August 1937. Sam to "Dear Ann."
TLS. 23 August 1937. Sam to "Dearest Ann." Oklahoma City, OK. (2pp.)
TL. 2 September 1937. Sam to "Dear Susan." Memphis, TN
TL. 5 September 1937. Sam to "Dearest Susan." Memphis TN.
TLS. 3 October 1937. Sam to "Dearest Sug." Newark, NJ
TL. 4 October 1937. Sam to "Dear Sug." Newark, NJ
TL. 5 October 1937. Sam to "Dearest Sug." Newark, N.J. (3pp.)
TLS. 22 October 1937. Sam to "Dearest Ann." Cincinnati, OH.
TLS. 23 October 1937. Sam to "Dearest Susan." Cincinnati, OH.
TLS. 31 October 1937. Sam to "My Dearest Susan." Atlanta, GA

Folder 1.2 1938-10 October 1940

ALS. 24 January 1938. Sam to "My Dear Babe." (4pp.)
ALS. 28 January 1938. Sam to "Dear Babe." (7pp.)
TLS. 11 February 1938. Sam to "Dearest Sug."
TLS. 5 March 1939. Sam to "Dearest Susan." (2pp.)
TLS. 7 March 1939. Sam to "Dearest Susan."
TLS. 9 March 1939. Sam to "Dearest Susan."
ALS. 13 March 1939. Sam to "Dearest Susan." (2pp.)
TL. 2 September 1940. Sam to "Dear Susan." Guatemala City.
TL. [September 1940]. Sam to "Dearest Susan." Buenos Aires.
TLS. 24 September 1940. Sam to "Dearest Susan." San Salvador. (2pp.)
TLS. 25 September 1940. Sam to "Dearest Susan." Tegucigalpa, Honduras.
TLS. 26 September 1940. Sam to "Dear Susan." Tegucigalpa, Honduras. (2pp.)
TLS. 27 September 1940. Sam to "Dear Susan." Managua, Nicaragua.
TLS. 1 October 1940. Sam to "Dear Susan." San Jose, Costa Rica. (2pp.)
TLS. 4 October 1940. Sam to "Dear Susan." Panama City, Panama.
TLS. 9 October 1940. Sam to "Dear Susan." Bogot Columbia. (4pp.)

ALS. 10 October 1940. Sam to "Dearest Babe." (3pp.)

Folder 1.3 15 October 1940-25 November 1940

ALS. 15 October 1940. Sam to "Dear Susan." (2pp.)

ALS. 16 October 1940. Sam to "Dearest Susan." (2pp.)

ALS. 20 October 1940. Sam to "Dearest Susan." Lima, Peru.

ALS. 24 October 1940. Sam to "Dearest Susan." Lima, Peru.

ALS. 26 October 1940. Sam to "Dearest Susan." La Paz, Bolivia.

ALS. 27 October 1940. Sam to "Dearest Susan." Chile.

TLS. 31 October 1940. Sam to "Dear Susan." Santiago, Chile. (2pp.)

TLS. 2 November 1940. Sam to "Dearest Susan." Santiago, Chile.

TLS. 4 November 1940. Sam to "Dearest Susan." Santiago, Chile. (2pp.)

TL. 7 November 1940. Sam to "Dear Susan." Buenos Aires, Argentina. (2pp.)

TLS. 11 November 1940. Sam to "Dear Susan." Montevideo, Uruguay.

ALS. 15 November 1940. Sam to "Dearest Susan." Buenos Aires.

ALS. 15 November 1940. Sam to "Dearest Susan." Buenos Aires.

TLS. 16 November 1940. Sam to "Dearest Susan." Porto Alegre, Brazil.

TLS. 18 November 1940. Sam to "Dear Susan." Porto Alegre, Brazil.

TLS. 21 November 1940. Sam to "Dear Susan." Sao Paulo, Brazil.

ALS. 25 November 1940. Sam to "Dear Babe." (2pp.)

TLS. 26 November 1940. Sam to "Dear Susan." Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Folder 1.4 [2 March 1941]-15 June 1942

ALS. [2 March 1941]. Sam to "Dear Susan."

ALS. 16 May 1942. Sam to "Dear Susan." (2pp.)

ALS. 19 May 1942. Sam to "Dearest Susan." (2pp.)

TLS. 23 May 1942. Sam to "Dearest Susan."

ALS. 25 May 1942. Sam to "Dearest Susan."

TL. 1 June 1942. Sam to "Dearest Susan." Montevideo.

TL. 9 June 1942. Sam to "Dearest Susan." Santiago de Chile.

ALS. 15 June 1942. Sam to "Dearest Susan."

Series II. J. Edgar Hoover Correspondence

Folder 1.5 8 January 1932-17 May 1937

TLS. 8 January 1932. J.E. Hoover to Honorable Robert R. Butler. Re: interest in Percy Foxworth as a possible Special Agent.

TLS. 27 January 1932. J.E. Hoover to P.E. Foxworth. Re: Description of the job and notification that his application will receive consideration.

TLS. 25 February 1932. J.E. Hoover to Percy E. Foxworth. Re: appointment as special agent in the United States Bureau of Investigation.

TLS. 2 March 1932. J.E. Hoover to Percy E. Foxworth. Re: Percy's acceptance for the position.

TLS. 22 March 1932. J.E. Hoover to P.E. Foxworth. Re: travel for official duties and reimbursement.

TLS. 13 April 1932. J.E. Hoover to Percy E. Foxworth. Re: Travel to Jacksonville, Florida to report to Special Agent in Charge there for assignment.

TLS. 16 May 1932. J.E. Hoover to P.E. Foxworth. Re: Suggestions for better service.

TLS. 14 September 1932. J.E. Hoover to P.E. Foxworth. Re: directed to proceed to Oklahoma

City, Oklahoma for new assignment.

TLS. 24 October 1932. J.E. Hoover to P.E. Foxworth. Re: directed to proceed to Los Angeles, CA for new assignment.

TLS. 7 November 1932. J.E. Hoover to P.E. Foxworth. Re: Thanking Percy for submitting a suggestion.

TLS. 13 June 1933. J.E. Hoover to P.E. Foxworth. Re: directed to proceed to New York for a new assignment.

TLS. 8 March 1934. J. Edgar Hoover to P.E. Foxworth. Re: Promotion.

TLS. 8 October 1934. J.E. Hoover to P.E. Foxworth. Re: directed to proceed to Washington, D.C. for a new assignment.

TLS. 8 January 1935. J.E. Hoover to P.E. Foxworth. Re: Suggestions for the Bureau.

TLS. 18 February 1935. J. Edgar Hoover to P.E. Foxworth. Re: Promotion.

TLS. 24 April 1935. J. Edgar Hoover to P.E. Foxworth. Promotion.

TLS. 8 August 1935. J.E. Hoover to P.E. Foxworth. Re: Promotion.

10 September 1935. J. Edgar Hoover to P.E. Foxworth. Re: Promotion.

TLS. 28 December 1935. J.E. Hoover to Percy E. Foxworth. Re: Promotion.

TLS. 23 March 1936. J.E. Hoover to P.E. Foxworth. Re: Physical examination.

TLS. 6 April 1936. J. Edgar Hoover to P.E. Foxworth. Re: Appreciation for the "excellent manner in which you handled to work in the Investigative Division during the absence of Mr. Tamm and the execution of Bruno Richard Hauptmann.

TLS. 20 April 1936. J. Edgar Hoover to Percy E. Foxworth. Re: Promotion.

TLS. 17 June 1936. J.E. Hoover to Percy E. Foxworth. Re: Promotion.

TLS. 1 July 1936. J. Edgar Hoover to Percy E. Foxworth. Re: Death of Percy's father.

TLS. 25 November 1936. J.E. Hoover to P.E. Foxworth. Re: appointment of Woodrow Roberts to the Bureau's clerk typist position. Percy had expressed an interest in his getting a position with the Bureau.

TLS. 3 February 1937. J. Edgar Hoover to Percy E. Foxworth. Re: Promotion.

TLS. 17 May 1937. J. Edgar Hoover to Percy E. Foxworth. Re: Promotion.

Folder 1.6 28 July 1937-23 September 1941

TLS. 28 July 1937. J. Edgar Hoover to "Sam" (Foxworth). Re: Thanks for the gold badge which Percy gave to Hoover on the occasion of his twentieth anniversary with the Bureau.

TLS. 30 August 1937. J. Edgar Hoover to Percy E. Foxworth. Re: Promotion.

TLS. 26 February 1938. J. Edgar Hoover to "Sam" (Foxworth). Re: Thanks for the message of sympathy.

TLS. 2 June 1938. J.E. Hoover to P.E. Foxworth. Re: Physical examination.

TLS. 19 August 1938. J. Edgar Hoover to P.E. Foxworth. Re: Thanks for the letter of congratulations on the 21st anniversary of Hoover joining the Bureau.

TLS. 3 September 1938. J.E. Hoover to Percy E. Foxworth. Re: Promotion.

TLS. 31 May 1940. J.E. Hoover to P.E. Foxworth. Re: Directions to proceed to Washington, D.C. for a new assignment.

TLS. 8 June 1940. J. Edgar Hoover to Percy E. Foxworth. Re: Promotion.

TLS. 18 June 1940. J. Edgar Hoover to "Sam" (Foxworth). Re: moving to a new address.

TLS. 4 January 1941. J.E. Hoover to P.E. Foxworth. Re: results of physical examination.

TLS. 12 February 1941. Edgar to "Dear Hap" (Horace C. Flanigan). Re: introduction of Percy Foxworth.

TLS. 23 September 1941. J. Edgar Hoover to Percy E. Foxworth. Re: Directions to travel to New York for a new assignment.

Folder 1.7 26 June 1942-12 May 1945

TLS. 26 June 1942. J.E. Hoover to Percy E. Foxworth. Re: Occupational questionnaire.
TLS. 27 July 1942. J. Edgar Hoover to Percy E. Foxworth. Re: Thanks for the gifts sent in commemoration of Hoover's 25th anniversary of joining the Bureau.
TLS. 7 December 1942. J.E. Hoover to Mr. Edgar K. Legg (Chairman, Local Board Number 8, Selective Service System). Re: Giving Foxworth additional deferment from Selective Service.
TLS. 6 February 1943. J. Edgar Hoover to Mrs. P.E. Foxworth. Re: Condolence cards.
TLS. 10 February 1943. J. Edgar Hoover to Mrs. P.E. Foxworth. Re: Possibility of awarding Mrs. Foxworth \$5000.
TLS. 12 April 1943. J. Edgar Hoover to Mrs. P.E. Foxworth. Re: Bill providing \$5,000 for Mrs. Foxworth passed the U.S. House of Representatives.
TLS. 5 July 1943. J. Edgar Hoover to Mrs. P.E. Foxworth. Re: Bill passing the Senate.
TLS. 20 July 1943. J. Edgar Hoover to Mrs. P.E. Foxworth. Re: Bill rejected by the President.
TLS. 19 January 1944. J. Edgar Hoover to Mrs. P.E. Foxworth. Re: Memorial service for Percy at the New York office; memorial plaque; and the naming of a keel of a Liberty ship after Sam.
TLS. 12 May 1945. J. Edgar Hoover to Mrs. Ann Holliday Foxworth. Re: Promotion to a higher grade of Artist-Illustrator.

Series III. General Correspondence

Folder 1.8 Undated-1944

Folder 1.9 Undated-1944

Folder 1.10 Undated-1944

Folder 1.11 Invitations

Box 2 Sympathy cards, 19 January-1 November 1943 (6 Folders)

Series IV. Documents

F.B.I. and Navy

Folder 3.1 Undated-1942. Materials from Percy E. Foxworth's personnel file

Folder 3.2 Undated-1939. Transcripts of speeches

Folder 3.3 Undated-1943. Memorandum

Folder 3.4 Miscellaneous materials related to the death of Percy E. Foxworth

Folder 3.5 Miscellaneous

Folder 3.6 Documents related to the Navy, Undated-1941

Folder 3.7 Documents related to the Navy, Undated-1941

Folder 3.8 Documents related to the Navy, Undated-1941

Miscellaneous

Folder 4.1 Empty envelopes

Folder 4.2 Empty envelopes

Folder 4.3 General miscellaneous

Folder 4.4 General miscellaneous

Folder 4.5 General miscellaneous

Folder 4.6 Genealogical materials

Folder 4.7 Certificates, Undated-1943

Financial

- Folder 5.1 Invoices and Receipts
- Folder 5.2 Invoices and Receipts
- Folder 5.3 Invoices and Receipts
- Folder 5.4 Miscellaneous
- Folder 5.5 Tax return information
- Folder 5.6 Contracts
- Folder 5.7 Insurance and death benefits
- Box 6 Cancelled Checks and Bank Statements
- Box 7 Cancelled Checks and Bank Statements

Series V. Photographs

- Folder 5.8 Photographs

Separated Material: Removed to Collections Photographs: Box 38, Folders 27-29

Series VI. F.B.I. Publications

- Box 8 FBI Publications and Ann Holliday Foxworth's diaries

Series VII. Newspaper Clippings

- Box 9 Newspaper clippings